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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Palo Alto – Alleged California Arsonist May Have Set Two Fires in Two Days

(U) Court documents reveal that Alexandra Souverneva, 30, a scientist arrested last week for allegedly starting the Fawn Fire in Shasta County on 22 September, is believed by authorities to also be potentially responsible for setting a second blaze in the area the day before. According to Cal Fire's report, Souverneva had been trespassing near a quarry. As she walked away, she dropped two small CO2 cartridges and an AA battery. After the fire started, she was encountered coming out of the brush.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [Rolling Stone](#)

(U) San Jose – Soledad Norteño Gang Member Sentenced to Prison in RICO Case

(U) Michael Cazares, "Lil Rhino," was sentenced to eight-years in prison for his racketeering conspiracy convictions. Cazares, 30, of Soledad, was a Norteño gang member who admitted to being a member of the Nuestra Familia/Salinas Norteños enterprise. This enterprise consists of members and associates of the California-based Nuestra Familia prison gang as well as Norteño street gangs in Salinas and the surrounding areas. Norteño gang members pledge their allegiance and loyalty to the prison gang Nuestra Familia.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Intercept Methamphetamine Worth More Than \$24 Million

(U) Eagle Pass – An enforcement action occurred on 23 September when US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers encountered a 2010 Freightliner tractor hauling an empty box trailer arriving from Mexico. The tractor and trailer were referred for a canine, non-intrusive imaging system inspection and subsequent physical inspection resulting in the discovery of 1,221-pounds of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$24,426,968. CBP officers seized the tractor, trailer, and drugs.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [US CBP](#)

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Discover Stash Houses with Nearly 100 Illegal Immigrants Inside

(U) Laredo – Border Patrol agents in Texas discovered two stash houses near the US-Mexico border with nearly 100 illegal immigrants between them. The individuals were from Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, and Honduras. CBP said in a press release that the often "substandard conditions" encountered at stash houses can foster a breeding ground for illnesses or other communicable diseases.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Military Leaders Warn of al-Qa'ida Reemergence

(U) Washington – Top US military leaders warned it is possible al-Qa'ida could strengthen itself in Afghanistan and threaten the US Homeland in as little as one year. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Mark Milley warned, "The Taliban was and remains a terrorist organization and they still have

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not broken ties with al-Qa'ida, a reconstituted al-Qa'ida or Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) with aspirations to attack the US is a very real possibility, and those conditions to include activities in ungoverned spaces could present themselves in the next 12-to-36 months."

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [Washington Examiner](#)

(U) Georgia – Six Members of Nine Trey Gangster Bloods Gang Plead Guilty to RICO Conspiracy

(U) Atlanta – Six members of Atlanta's Nine Trey Gangster Bloods gang pleaded guilty last week to Racketeer Influenced and Corruption Organization Act conspiracy charges, the Department of Justice announced Monday. Some of the crimes the criminal organization's members were charged with include murder, robbery, firearms possession, witness tampering, obstruction of justice, and drug trafficking. The organization is a national criminal organization that spread from New York down the East Coast.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Washington – Large Cyber Attack Leads to Local Phone Outages

(U) Walla Walla – A cyber-attack on one of the largest internet-based phone liaisons has resulted in large organizations in Walla Walla having disrupted phone service. The city of Walla Walla reported phone issues connected to the attack. Bandwidth, which provides voice over internet protocol services, known as voice over internet protocol (VoIP), experienced rolling distributed-denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks. A DDoS attack refers to when computer hackers overload the capabilities of an internet-based service.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [Union Bulletin](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Kuala Lumpur – Technologies Implemented During the Pandemic Caused Increased Cyber Attacks

(U) Kuala Lumpur – Cyber-attacks increased in the last 24-months, especially when the pandemic forced most companies to switch to remote working. According to data from Beyond Boundaries: The Future of Cybersecurity in the New World of Work, 72% of UK organizations reported cyberattacks that are attributed to vulnerabilities in technology that were put in place during the pandemic, while another 68% suffered attacks that targeted remote workers.

SOURCE: 29 September 2021, [Tech Wire Asia](#)

(U) Serbia – The CIA Evacuated an Officer with 'Havana Syndrome'

(U) Belgrade – The CIA evacuated an intelligence officer from Serbia after they experienced symptoms of the mysterious "Havana Syndrome." Current and former US officials said the evacuation took place in the last few weeks, as the unnamed agent was experiencing serious injuries. The US Government is trying to figure out what is happening with the illness, which has struck dozens of American diplomats and personnel all over the world. But the cause, and who is responsible, remains unknown.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [Business Insider](#)

(U) Sudan – Five Security Members Killed in Raid on ISIS-linked Group

(U) Khartoum – Five members of the Sudanese General Intelligence Service were killed and a sixth was injured on Tuesday in a raid that targeted a cell linked to ISIS in Khartoum. A group of the cell opened fire on the intelligence service force in one location and killed five of its members, including two officers, and injured one officer. The group of four foreign terrorists escaped and are being sought by authorities.

SOURCE: 28 September 2021, [Reuters](#)

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